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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	7651	Agenda Number	45.
Meeting Date:	7/28/2011		Department:	Public Works
Subject				
<p>Approve an ordinance authorizing the negotiation and execution of an Advance Funding Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) awarding \$300,000 to prepare plans, determine right of way and perform environmental clearance work for Phase II, Section 1 "Violet Crown Trail;" accepting grant funds in the amount of \$300,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation; amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20100913-002) to appropriate \$300,000; and amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Public Works Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20100913-003) to transfer in and appropriate \$300,000 from the Public Works Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund.</p>				
Amount and Source of Funding				
<p>The total grant amount of \$300,000 will be provided by TXDOT. The required \$117,000 local match is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Public Works Department.</p>				
Fiscal Note				
<p>A fiscal note is attached.</p>				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:	<p>January 15, 2009: Approved a Resolution to direct the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the HCC to ensure participation of City departments, define Hill Country Conservancy's (HCC's) responsibilities needed to carry out the Walk for a Day Project, and incorporate HCC's commitment to develop the trail while educating the public, and constructing, operating, maintaining, and securing a continuous trail.</p> <p>November 18, 2010: Approved a Resolution to adopt the Violet Crown Trail Master Plan</p>			
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Boards and Commission Action:				
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Related Items:				
Additional Backup Information				

This Advance Funding agreement will allow the City to use Federal Earmark Funds to prepare plans, determine right of way and perform environmental clearance work for Phase II, Section 1 of the Violet Crown Trail (formerly known as the "Walk for a Day Vision Trail") on the Capital Area Trail System in the City of Austin. The Violet Crown Trail will begin at Barton Springs Pool in Zilker Park and wind more than 30 miles south into Hays County. The trail system will provide a unique opportunity to align business, conservation, education, and recreational interests to benefit the entire community. The trail will serve as both a recreational and transportation amenity to the region.